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Application Number	09/832,737
Filing Date	April 11, 2001
First Named Inventor	Karl Forster
Art Unit	2172
Examiner Name	Baoquoc To
Attorney Docket Number	38394.0100

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- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-2814
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby makes a Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 for the above-identified application. No extension fees are due because this Request is filed within one month from the mailing date of the Advisory Action (Advisory Action mailed January 28, 2004) and the Reply to the Final Office Action was submitted on December 24, 2003 (see enclosed Auto Reply Facsimile Transmission) which was within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action (October 27, 2003). Therefore, no extension fee is due for this Request for Continued Examination. Please feel free to contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 25-FEB-2004

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